

WILSON COURTS A LIBEL SUIT

Secretary of Agriculture Bids De-
fiance to Broker Price.

HIS THREATS ARE IGNORED

Price Demanded Withdrawal of Charges
Made in Report--Prosecution of
Holmes Under Discussion.

That Secretary Wilson intends to take no step backward in his report on the cotton leak investigation was evidenced Monday by the statement that he was not afraid of any libel suit which might be filed against him by Theodore Price or other brokers mentioned in the report; in fact, he said, he would welcome such action, because it might be the means of developing such facts not already uncovered, and which it was desirable to know.

"This is a quarrel among gamblers," he said, "brought about by the dissatisfaction of some of them in not getting what they thought was their due. I have nothing to take back. As the head of an executive department of the government, it was my duty and right to give to the public the result of the investigation by the secret service agents into the charges which had been filed leading up to the dismissal of Mr. Holmes."

The secretary added that he had given consideration to Mr. Price's request, as presented through his attorney, William M. Ivins, of New York, "to withdraw the unjust, offensive and unsustained charges and implications" and had reached the determination to take no further action in the matter. He said he would not communicate with Mr. Price or his attorney in any way.

In view of the opinion by the United States district attorney, a criminal prosecution against Holmes would not lie. Secretary Wilson intimated that he would suggest to President Roosevelt a recommendation to congress that legislation be enacted to cover cases of similar character involving a breach of trust.

Roosevelt to Take Action.

It is regarded, according to a dispatch from Oyster Bay, as not unlikely that criminal prosecution may result from the investigation of the cotton report leak in the department of agriculture. The subject has not yet been presented to the president in a formal way, although he is familiar with most of the details of the inquiry. United States District Attorney Beach of Washington was of the opinion, after a cursory examination of a part of the evidence adduced in the investigation, that a criminal proceeding would not lie against Assistant Statistician Holmes, who is alleged to have profited by giving advance information of the condition of the cotton crop to certain brokers. The department of justice is not inclined to accept this view of the case. While no decision to institute criminal proceedings has been reached, the subject is being considered by Attorney General Moody, who later will take up the matter with the president.

BANDITS HOLD UP BANKER.

Story from Cuba Says American Was
Forced to Hand Over Ransom Money.

Julian Condoya, a wealthy American banker and agent of the Ward Line, were dining with his family Sunday night at his home across the bay, from Sanitago, Cuba, was attacked by eight bandits, who covered the members of the family with guns and searched the house. The bandits presented a written demand for \$30,000, and seized Mr. Condoya as a hostage until the amount should be paid.

After parleying, Mr. Condoya agreed to pay \$2,000, and the bandits withdrew. Monday morning Mr. Condoya was allowed to go to Sanitago and secure the money, which he turned over to the bandits at a rendezvous in the bay.

BOOZE JOINTS ARE DYNAMITED.

Three Saloons in a Kansas Town Totally
Wrecked by Unknown Parties.

Three saloons in the heart of the business section of Iola, Kansas, were completely wrecked by dynamite on Monday. Much damage was done to other property in the vicinity and the loss is estimated at \$100,000. No one was killed.

There has been much agitation in Iola recently to close the saloons, which have been run openly in violation of the prohibition law, and Governor Hoch had been appealed to to aid in closing the places.

UNCLE SAM GETS POWERS

Noted Prisoner Taken From Jurisdic-
tion of Kentucky to Be Tried in
Federal Court.

In the custody of the United States marshal, under orders of United States Judge Cockran, who last week assumed jurisdiction in his case, Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the murder of William Goebel at Frankfort, in the winter of 1900, was lodged in the Newport, Ky., jail Monday night, where he will be held pending a decision of the various legal points arising out of his transfer from state to federal jurisdiction.

When Powers arrived at the Newport jail at 7:50 o'clock p. m., a controversy arose between Jailor Ploeger and Mayor Hembold as to what cell the prisoner should occupy. The mayor insisted that the cell especially prepared for Powers was not the proper place. Ploeger and Mayor Hembold finally came to blows, and the latter was knocked down. During the fight between the mayor and the jailor the furniture in the cell prepared for Powers was confiscated by unknown persons. Subsequently Powers was placed in another cell with other prisoners, where he will remain until Jailor Ploeger can secure other quarters for him.

For five years Powers has been in prison, he has been tried four times and sentenced to death three times, but as he walked into the jail he expressed hope of his ultimate acquittal of the charge entered against him. He was the only one of those charged with conspiracy to murder William Goebel to be convicted and sentenced to death. His fight for life has been remarkable, and attorneys express the belief that three more years may pass before the end of the present legal complications will make possible the trial in the federal courts for which he had applied five weeks ago at London, Ky.

The decision of Federal Judge Cockran assuming jurisdiction will be appealed by Kentucky to the United States supreme court.

On instructions from United States District Attorney Tinsley, warrants were sworn out late Monday night for the arrest of Mayor Hembold for interfering with United States officers.

HEAT WAVE KNOCKS OUT NEW YORKERS.

Ten People Die From Sunstroke and Two
Score are Prostrated.

Ten deaths and more than two score cases of prostrations resulted from the continuance Monday of the wave of intense heat which reached New York city Saturday. A grateful breeze from the sea served in a measure to temper the torrid temperature, and excessive humidity, but the suffering, especially in the swarming tenement house quarters, was intense, and throughout the day the ambulances were kept busy removing sun-stricken patients to the various hospitals.

At 3 o'clock Monday afternoon a heavy thunderstorm with a deluge of rain descended on Brooklyn, the lower portion of Manhattan and suburban towns in New Jersey. The storm brought a startling fall in the mercury, which dropped thirteen degrees within half an hour, effectually breaking the hot wave.

CASSINI LEAVES NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Russian Ambassador Departs for New Post
at Madrid After Seven Years' Service.

Count Cassini, Russia's first ambassador to the United States, after seven years' service in Washington, left the city for New York, where he sails for Europe, and will later go to his new post at Madrid. Gathered at the station to bid him God-speed were nearly every diplomat remaining at the capital and a number of the ambassador's personal friends.

Bowen is Succeeded by Russell.

Formal announcement was made by the department of state Monday of the appointment of William M. Russell of Maryland as minister to Venezuela, where he succeeds Bowen.

TO OUST RAILROAD COMMISSION

Bill is Introduced in Georgia House of
Representatives by Perry.

A bill was introduced in the Georgia house of representatives Monday by Mr. Perry of Hall, who proposes to abolish the present railroad commission entirely and to erect a new board of railroad supervisors to be elected by the people and to consist of five members at a salary of \$1,200 each, with duties similar to those of the present railroad commission, but, perhaps, a little more extensive.

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Mrs. S. E. Kennedy, one of the oldest and
best known nurses in Georgia, states that
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and children teething, Dr. Biggers' Huckle-
berry Cordial is the best remedy.

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Charity covers a multitude of sins, but
it doesn't remove them.

A LOVELY COMPLEXION

New York Lady Proves That Every Wo-
man May Have It by Using
Cuticura Soap.

Mrs. R. Reichenberg, wife of the well-
known jeweler, of 146 Fulton St., New
York, says: "I had a friend who was just-
ly proud of her complexion. When asked
what gave her such a brilliant and lovely
complexion, she replied, 'A healthy
woman can be sure of a fine skin if she
will do as I do, use plenty of Cuticura
Soap and water.' She insisted that I fol-
low her example, which I did with speedy
conviction. I find that Cuticura Soap
keeps the skin soft, white and clear, and
prevents redness and roughness."

(At 28 '05)

The Mean Godfather.

Congressman Morrell, of Philadel-
phia, in a discussion of the Delaware
river appropriations, mentioned a
mean man.

"There are many mean men," he
said, "but this man surely was the
meanest of them all. Besides being
mean he was also rich."

"To a poor young couple living near
him a son was born and they decided
to name their son after the mean man,
and to ask him to stand as its god-
father."

"He consented. He was flattered.
"Thereupon the joy of this poor
young couple was great. They won-
dered what gift the rich godfather
would give to his little godson. Per-
haps a house and lot? Perhaps a half
dozen government bonds? Perhaps a
herd of cattle?"

Senator Morrell paused and smiled.
"What do you suppose," he said,
"the mean man sent the youngster?"
He sent it, sir, a cup that one of his
Cochin China hens had won at a poultry
show."

CHANGED.

"Yes," said John's mother, "he used
to worry me nearly to death. There
was hardly a day the whole summer
long that he wouldn't run off and go
swimming."

"It's strange how men change," re-
plied John's wife. "I have to become
downright cross and scold to get him
into the water once a week now."—
Houston Post.

WANTED TO SLEEP.

Curious That a Tired Preacher Should
Have Such Desire.

A minister speaks of the curious ef-
fect of Grape-Nuts food on him and
how it has relieved him.

"You will doubtless understand how
the suffering with indigestion with
which I used to be troubled made my
work an almost unendurable burden,
and why it was that after my Sabbath
duties had been performed, sleep was
a stranger to my pillow till nearly day-
light."

"I had to be very careful as to what
I ate, and even with all my care I ex-
perienced poignant physical distress
after meals, and my food never satis-
fied me."

"Six months have elapsed since I be-
gan to use Grape-Nuts food, and the
benefits I have derived from it are very
definite. I no longer suffer from indig-
estion, and I began to improve from
the time Grape-Nuts appeared on our
table. I find that by eating a dish of
it after my Sabbath work is done (and
I always do so now) my nerves are
quieted and rest and refreshing sleep
are insured me. I feel that I could not
possibly do without Grape-Nuts food,
now that I know its value. It is invari-
ably on our table—we feel that we
need it to complete the meal—and our
children will eat Grape-Nuts when
they cannot be persuaded to touch any-
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REMAINS OF PAUL JONES

Turned Over to American Special Com-
mission at Paris With Imposing
Ceremonies.

In the presence of the highest dig-
nitaries of France, the diplomatic rep-
resentatives of many foreign govern-
ments and civil and naval officials
of the United States, the body of
Admiral John Paul Jones was for-
mally delivered to the United States
government in Paris Thursday. The
ceremony was one combining impres-
sive dignity with brilliant military
and naval pomp in which the soldiers
and sailors of France and the sailors
of America united in rendering hon-
ors to the illustrious founder of the
American navy.

The occasion was unique and prob-
ably without parallel, as the funeral
was that of a revolutionary hero who
had lain neglected in a foreign grave
for over a hundred years.

The ceremony of delivering the
body was held in the American
church on the Avenue de l'Alma, at
3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The
interior of this gothic edifice was
beautifully decorated with plants and
flowers. At the foot of the chancel
rested the casket, wrapped in an
American flag and literally buried in
masses of floral emblems.

At the right of the altar sat Am-
bassador McCormick, Senior Special
Ambassador Porter, Junior Special
Ambassador Loomis, United States
Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Rear Ad-
miral Sigbee and other officers of
the American squadron. Across the
aisle sat Premier Rouvier, with other
members of his cabinet, practi-
cally the entire diplomatic corps and
officers of the army and navy. Scores
of American sailors, on either side
of the altar, gave a fitting background
to the imposing scene.

After brief religious services, Gen-
eral Porter, according to the French
custom, with the red sash of the
Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor
across his breast, advanced alongside
the casket and formally delivered
the body to Mr. Loomis, as the rep-
resentative of the United States gov-
ernment, who accepted it in the name
of the government and commissioned
Admiral Sigbee to transport it to
the United States.

As the surpliced choir took up "My
Country, 'Tis of Thee," the entire as-
semblage rose and joined in the
strains of the patriotic hymn. Eight
brawny sailors from the Brooklyn
then stepped forward and, raising the
casket on their shoulders, bore it
slowly from the church to the wait-
ing gun carriage. The carriage was
draped with the national colors and
was drawn by six black horses.

The cortege was now formed and
proceeded to the Esplanade des In-
valides. Arriving at the esplanade an
imposing picture was presented. The
French government had erected a
large pavilion in which to deposit the
coffin.

The casket was deposited in the
center of the pavilion while the cor-
tege passed, rendering military hon-
ors. Later it was borne to the in-
valides railroad station and placed in
a funeral car where, guarded by
French and American soldiers, it
started for Cherbourg at 10 o'clock.

The unusual sight of a detachment
of United States sailors and marines
swinging through the central thor-
oughfares of Paris aroused great in-
terest and brought out an enthusias-
tic ovation from the crowds along
the line of march. The American
naval contingent numbered 500 men
and presented a fine appearance. All
along the route the streets were lined
with dense crowds eager to see the
Americans. Women waved their hand-
kerchiefs and miniature flags, and
there was a continuous shouting of
"Vive Les Americains."

WILL FIRST CLEAN UP ISTHMUS.

Existence in Panama is to Be Made Health-
ful by Uncle Sam.

Life on the isthmus of Panama is
to be made healthful, comfortable
and enjoyable before the real work
of digging the canal is begun, ac-
cording to an announcement of policy
made at Washington Thursday by
Chairman Shonts of the Panama Can-
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HAND.

PEOPLE FLEE FROM THEODOSIA.

Threat of Bombardment by Kineers
Causes a Regular Stampede.

The inhabitants of Theodosia, Cri-
aea, are leaving the town, in compli-
ance with the orders of the authori-
ties who fear that the mutineers of
the Kniaz Potemkine will carry out
their threat of bombardment. Only
roops and officials remain.

A correspondent who visited the
Kniaz Potemkine, in company with
the mayor, found the battleship com-
manded by an elected committee of
seven, headed by "Ensign and Quar-
termaster" Alexieff, a quasi-command
rank in the Russian navy. Every-
thing was in order and good discipli-
ne prevailed. All the guns were
loaded, and it was said that the mu-
tineers had a full complement of am-
munition. The crew consisted of 750
men, and there were fifteen more in
the torpedo boat. No officers were
seen, but it was rumored that there
were several ensigns among the crew
held as prisoners and costumed as
sailors.

A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram
company (London) from Theodosia
says that at 9 o'clock Thursday morn-
ing a boat from the Kniaz Potemkine
was sent ashore and was met by an
infantry fire, which killed two men
and caused seven to jump overboard.
The torpedo boat, in the hands of
the mutineers, fired a shell, which
passed over the town; and, at noon,
the Kniaz Potemkine and the torpedo
boat left the port, but continued to
maneuver in sight of the town. Theo-
dosia, it is added, has been declared
to be in a state of war.

BRITISH FLAG ANGERED AMERICANS.

Sight of Union Jack Was Too Much for Port
Collector Bump.

A dispatch from Rochester, N. Y.,
says: A protest has been filed with
the Canadian minister by Captain
Simmons of the Canadian schooner
Acacia, because the port collector,
Duane Bump, compelled him to lower
the British flag on his vessel on
July 4.

Collector Bump was informed that
the Acacia had floated a large
union jack on the morning of the
4th, and ordered Captain Simmons to
haul it down, saying it was an in-
sult to the national holiday. Sim-
mons refused and threatened to shoot
if he boarded his vessel. Finally Sim-
mons lowered the flag when threat-
ened with refusal of his clearance
papers.